

# From Editors' Desk

Dear Readers,

Team EKK wishes you a very happy and prosperous 2013.

Thank you very much for all your help, support and insight - please continue to stand beside us. Together we can make a difference to the society.

In this edition, we will brief you about our "Bijoya Sammiloni" program. Our beneficiary and volunteer Sukanta tells us how he fights against all hardship in life and comes out victorious.

Please tell us your feedback on this new look of the newsletter. For any question, feedback and suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us at the contact details mentioned here.

Kind regards,  
Sudepta Ray, Editor

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"EKK is an organization that gets immediate respect. Their struggle, their aim, their focus and their ambition have made them what they are today"

**Anupam Roy**  
Singer, Song Writer, Composer

## Let us introduce ourselves!



**ESO KICHU KORI (EKK)** is a non-profit organization. Our focus is on providing higher education to academically brilliant students coming from very low-income families. We are different from other organizations that focus on enhancing literacy and primary education. We exist to advocate a progressive change in our society by creating an opportunity for poor brilliant students to continue their education. We want to help such students to utilize their full potential and prepare for careers that would yield a high level of self-fulfillment and ultimately lead to an overall development of our society.

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*Abu Md. Mustaq*

Abu Md. Mustaq of Baharampur, Murshidabad had scored 89% in HS exam in 2010 but had to discontinue studies due to financial constraint of his family and a paralysis attack of his father. He fought back against all the odds and secured 714 in JEE Med, 2012. EKK Sapan beneficiary Abu now studies in Bardhaman Medical College. Abu is our first student from Murshidabad district.

Team EKK wishes him all the best for his future.



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An informal and self contributory get together of EKK members, volunteers and well wishers to discuss on different social and cultural topics

## **Bijoya Sammiloni, 2012, Anita Lala, volunteer EKK**

EKK family organized the Bijoya Sammiloni celebration for the year 2012 on 24th November at Tamarind Restaurant (Sarat Bose Road). This year's program was different from earlier ones. Since we had lost our most loved and respected author Sunil Gangopadhyay, we arranged a "Smaran Sabha" to pay our homage to this great Bengali writer of our time. During the initial hardship of EKK's journey, a significant financial support came from "Budhsandhya", which helped us a lot to carry on with our journey. We are grateful to them for their timely help.



The program was well anchored and we had wonderful speakers like eminent writer, Prochet Gupta and great artist, Debabrata Ghosh. There were songs, recitations, discussions, nostalgic story telling about our respected author. Our young members recited their own creations about Sunil Gangopadhyay to express their respect and affection. The big smiling photo of Sunil in the middle of the hall, gave the nostalgic feeling that he is also enjoying the function with us. The function was followed by contributory snacks and lunch. The program was attended by EKK members and volunteers, few students and well wishers. We hope to be a part of similar memorable events every year.

## **Some failure and success of my life, Sukanta Pal, MA 1st Year, RBU**

Visually impaired Sukanta might not be able to see the world with his eyes, but he can surely show many of us how to live life. He has stood strong through extreme adversities and achieved all that is really hard to imagine. An amazing orator and powerhouse of positive energy, Sukanta writes for our Jan 2013 newsletter edition.

Life is a continuous and long journey. It starts with birth and ends at the eternal sleep. In between, we have to face lots of ups and downs. We might face various difficulties, but should always try to overcome those as best as we can. In this article I would like to share some such experiences of my life.

In the year 1997, I had taken admission in a school called "Light House for the Blinds" where I stayed in the hostel for 10 long years. Staying away from my mother was initially very difficult for me, but gradually I mingled with other children who are just like me. I started to participate in different activities like music, recitation and sports.

I had always topped the class except twice when I was sick during the examinations. I went to Sikandrabad to take part in "National Chess Championship for visually challenged persons". It did not go well. But then I took part in junior interschool chess championship which was held in Dehradun and stood seventh. I continued my journey.

It was going well until when my Madhyamik Examination results came out. I could not secure star marks much to my parents', teachers', friends' and my own disappointment. However, with my mother's support I moved on and got admitted for higher

secondary where other students were little different from me as they could see the world. That was never a point of concern for me. But since I come from a very poor family, it started to become very difficult for me to continue my studies.



That time, Eso Kichu Kori extended their helping hands towards me. It was God's blessing for me. It was for their support that when I could not get admission in English honors course, as I had always dreamed of, I stood strong and enrolled for History Honors. I continued my studies and other cultural activities. In Feb, 2012 I took part in a mountaineering camp organized by HMI at Darjeeling. It was a great experience of my life. 2012, 8<sup>th</sup> August- I came to know that I have secured first class in History Honors BA course. I was happy but not content. I enrolled for the MA course in History. I continue to fight through the darkest nights for a shining morning of tomorrow.

### ***We strive to learn, share and add value >>>***

Study tours to interact with Medha 12-14 batch students are planned in the months of January and February. We will update you accordingly in upcoming newsletter editions.

15th February is EKK's foundation day. To celebrate the day, each year we arrange a humble felicitation program to honor someone who is working tirelessly for sustainable social and economical development of the society. Detail about "Borenyo" 2013 will be published in the next edition.